

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Richmond, September 19, 1862.*

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 69. }

I. The Adjutants of the regiments throughout the army will enquire into and report all cases of slaves serving with their respective regiments, without written authority from their masters. The names of such slaves and their masters will be forwarded to the office of the Adjutant and Inspector General, to be published in the newspapers.

II. The prohibition of the exportation from Virginia of wheat, flour, bacon and corn, does not extend to seed wheat: Therefore, in all cases where the Commanding General of the Department through which it is desired to export wheat, shall be satisfied that it is intended for seed and not for consumption, he shall permit it to pass.

III. Hereafter, the command of Major General *G. W. Smith* will embrace that part of the country lying south of the line of operations under General *R. E. Lee*, including the Department of North Carolina. All commanders within these geographical limits will report to and receive their orders from Major General *Smith*.

IV. Paragraph V, General Orders No. 41, current series, is hereby revoked.

By order.

S. COOPER,  
*Adjutant and Inspector General.*